

Toward a theory for low-frequency spin dynamics in plane copper oxide superconductors: Crossover from localized spins to weak coupling charge carriers with doping

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Abstract

We explore for all wavevectors through the Brillouin zone the dynamic spin susceptibility $\chi_{\text{total}} + , -(\omega, q)$ that takes into account the interplay of localized and itinerant charge carriers. The imaginary part, $\text{Im}\chi_{\text{total}} + , -(\omega, q)$, has peaks at the antiferromagnetic wavevector $Q = (\pi, \pi)$ and a diffusive-like, extremely narrow and sharp peak (symmetric ring of maxima $|q| = q_0$) at very small wavevectors with the nuclear magnetic/quadrupole resonance frequency ω and the superexchange coupling constant J . We demonstrate the capability of $\text{Im}\chi_{\text{total}} + , -(\omega, q)$ for plane copper $^{63}(1/T_1)$ and oxygen $^{17}(1/T_1)$ nuclear spin-lattice relaxation rate calculations from carrier free right up to optimally doped $\text{La}_2 - x\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$ and obtain the basic features of temperature and doping behavior for $^{63}(1/T_1)$ in agreement with experimental observations. © 2010 IOP Publishing Ltd.

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